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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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e drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.

nowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

☐ All ☐ b) ☐ Some* ☐ c) ☐ None of the:

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 FORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

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tying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of
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5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
 Paper No./Mail Date _____.

7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:
 - I. Claims 1-4 and 6-7, drawn to a process of making bicyclic lactone compounds, classified in class 544, subclass 105.
 - II. Claim 5, drawn to monocyclic intermediate compounds (azetidines, pyrrolidines, piperidines, azepines and azocanes), classified in class 540, 546, 548, subclass various.

The inventions are distinct, each from the other because of the following reasons:

Inventions I and II are related as mutually exclusive species in an intermediate-final product relationship. Distinctness is proven for claims in this relationship if the intermediate product is useful to make other than the final product (MPEP § 806.04(b), 3rd paragraph), and the species are patentably distinct (MPEP § 806.04(h)). In the instant case, the intermediate product is deemed to be useful as a starting material for preparing compounds that are angiotensin converting enzyme inhibitors and the inventions are deemed patentably distinct since there is nothing on this record to show them to be obvious variants. Should applicant traverse on the ground that the species are not patentably distinct, applicant should submit evidence or identify such evidence now of record showing the species to be obvious variants or clearly admit on the record that this is the case. In either instance, if the examiner finds one of the inventions anticipated by the prior art, the evidence or admission may be used in a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) of the other invention.

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Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Note that further restriction of the intermediates (Group II) may be required, if applicants file a divisional application.

During a telephone conversation with Mr. Richard Parr on Dec. 21, 2004 a provisional election was made without traverse to prosecute the invention of Group I, claims 1-4 and 6-7. Affirmation of this election must be made by applicant in replying to this Office action. Claim 5 is withdrawn from further consideration by the examiner, 37 CFR 1.142(b), as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mr. Richard Parr on Dec. 21, 2004. Enter the following:

1. In claim 1 (page 16, line 5) replace a typographical error "Forumla" with -- Formula--.

2. Delete claim 5.

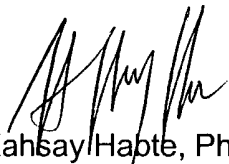
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Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kahsay Habte, Ph. D. whose telephone number is (571) 272-0667. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9.00AM- 5:30PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mukund Shah can be reached on (571) 272-0674, if there is no reply within 24 hours, James Wilson (Acting SPE) can be reached at (571) 272-0661. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571)-273-8300.

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